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SUBJECT: LON NON REPORT CONCERNING GRUNK VISITS TO
FRANCE

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1. ON APRIL 25, EMBOFF DISCUSSED IN GENERAL MANNER WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA (INDOCHINA) BOLLE TWO MATTERS MENTIONED IN PARA 6, REFTEL. BOLLE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO GRUNK REQUEST TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO POMPIDOU SERVICES. BOLLE THOUGHT GRUNK KNEW GKR WOULD BE INVITED AND WOULD ATTEND. HENCE, GRUNK, IN APPLICATION OF ITS POLICY OF SEEKING TO REPLACE THE GKR RATHER THAN TO GET EQUAL STATUS, WOULD NOT HAVE WISHED TO BE PRESENT. BOLLE NOTED THAT, ON THE OTHER HAND, POHER, MESSMER AND JOBERT RECEIVED CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FROM THEIR GRUNK "COUNTERPARTS."

2. BOLLE SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE GRUNK OF THE ITINERARY OF THE KHIEU SAMPHAN TRIP, AND IT HAD SEEMED CLEAR THAT NO WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY WAS EVER ON THE LIST. HE NOTED THAT THE ITINERARY WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF SIHANOUK'S 1972 TRIP, AND DOUBTED THAT THE GRUNK WOULD WISH TO HAVE SUCH HIGH RANKING FIGURE VISIT ANY COUNTRY

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WHICH DID NOT RECOGNIZE GRUNK. BOLLE THOUGHT THAT

THE ALGIERS STOP WOULD PROBABLY BE THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT OF KHIEU SAMPHAN'S CURRENT TRIP.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH LON NON IS CORRECT IN
REFERRING TO FRENCH PLEASURE AT WARMTH OF GKR
RESPONSE TO FRANCE AT TIME OF MOURNING FOR PRESIDENT
POMPIDOU, HE WENT BEYOND THE FACTS TO ILLUSTRATE
HIS POINT. ALTHOUGH OVER TIME FRENCH GRATITUDE FOR
GKR GESTURE AND DOWNGRADING OF SIHANOUK MAY
INDUCE GOF TO MODIFY ITS POLICY, QUAI WORKING LEVEL
CONTINUES TO HOLD THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN
GOF LUKEWARM AND AMBIGUOUS POLICY TOWARD GKR.
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